

## HOMES ARE BURNED IN BLAZING WARFARE

BELFAST AN INFERNO IN BLOOD  
AND FIRE.—MACHINE GUNS  
USED.

### THE DEATH LIST MOUNTING

Sinn Feiners, Enraged at Attacks of  
the Unionists, Fight Ferociously.—  
Sixteen Dead, One Hundred  
Are Wounded.

Belfast.—The Shankhill district of Belfast Aug. 31 was a blazing inferno. Nearly a score of fires had been started, and virtually all the grocery stores and public houses owned by Catholics in the district were being destroyed.

The police fired on the crowd during the disturbances, inflicting several casualties.

At 5 in the afternoon a minor battle started in Royal Avenue with the Belfast telegraph office as its center. A crowd of Sinn Feiners crept down Library Street from Garrick Hill and opened a revolver fusillade on the Unionists in the avenue, who replied vigorously. The windows adjacent to the fighting were crowded with spectators.

Monday's rioting was the worst in the city's history and took place in broad daylight. The victims again were numerous and brought the dead up to 16. In excess of 100 persons were more or less seriously injured during the disorders, and there have been 130 fires during the week.

The lord mayor, after strong pressure, made representations to the authorities, as a result of which Gen. Bainbridge and Commissioner Gelston gave the customary 24 hours' notice of the enforcement of the curfew order.

The men killed last week were declared to be Sinn Feiners, while those killed Monday were virtually all Unionists.

The mills, factories and schools were closed, and most of the shops in the disturbed areas also were shut tight.

Hundreds of men in Belfast are armed with rifles, others have revolvers and perhaps thousands are equipped with improvised weapons—clubs and black jacks.

### STREET RIOTING IN BELFAST

Soldiers in an Armored Car Are Met  
With a Volley of Stones from  
the Mob.

Belfast.—The military fired on rioters here again, killing at least one and wounding six soldiers, one of them seriously. The troops fired in an effort to protect the police station, which was attacked by a mob. Disturbances were reported in several sections of the city.

Fierce rioting occurred in Cullinstree Road, lying between the Falls and Grosvenor Road districts of West Belfast. The police barracks in Cullinstree Road were wrecked and the military fired on by the crowd. Many gunshot victims were admitted to the adjacent Royal Victoria hospital.

### RICHMOND OUTGROWS MEMPHIS.

Virginia City's Numerical Increase  
44,039 or 34.5 Per Cent.

Washington.—Richmond, Va., with the largest numerical growth of population in its history during the last decade, takes rank as 37th largest city of the country, the census bureau announcing the population as 171,667. Ten years ago Richmond ranked as 39th city, and in the decade has outgrown Syracuse, New Haven, Memphis and Scranton. Omaha and Akron have outgrown the Virginia capital.

### RUTH OUT OF GAME.

Right Arm Became Infected By Insect  
Bite.

New York.—The New York Yankees probably will be without the services of Babe Ruth, champion home run hitter, for 10 days. Ruth's right arm became infected by an insect bite, which at first was thought to be a boil. Ruth's physician made a cut of three inches in the arm and it is believed the infection has been checked.

### To Fight Milk Price.

New Orleans.—Women of New Orleans have banded together to fight the increase in the price of milk from 17c to 19c a quart. Mrs. J. T. Benedict, president of the Housewives' League, said that the women had determined to fight the increase in the price of milk as illegal, since the dairymen had no right to raise the price of milk without a suitable explanation. More than 4,000 women will boycott the dealers who sell the milk at the advance price, Mrs. Benedict said.

Denver, Col.—The Denver & Rio Grande Railroad announced that 600 passengers were marooned at Salida, Col., where seven miles of track and a number of bridges were torn out by storms.

Foch May Visit U. S. in Spring.  
Strasbourg.—It is learned that the visit of Marshal Foch to America has been fixed tentatively for early next April. During his stay in the country he will visit many of the principal cities.

### NEFF'S LEAD IS OVER 56,000

On Face of Partial and Incomplete Returns Dallas Newspaper Announces Neff's Nomination by Large Majority.

Dallas, Tex.—Pat M. Neff of Waco led Joseph Weldon Bailey of Gainesville, former United States senator for Texas, by 56,170 votes in the contest for the gubernatorial nomination in the democratic run-off primary August 28, according to a compilation of 286,234 votes from 156 counties.

On the face of these partial and incomplete returns the Dallas Morning News announced Mr. Neff's nomination by "a large majority."

The Texas election bureau estimated that the vote in the primary would fall several thousand short of that in the July primary, when Mr. Bailey led Mr. Neff by 2,523 votes, and would be between 425,000 and 475,000 votes.

### MOB OF 2,000 HANGS YOUTH

Victim Was Accused of Participating  
in the Murder of a Taxi  
Driver.

Tulsa, Okla.—A mob estimated at 2,000 persons participated here in the lynching of Tom M. Owens, white, accused of the shooting of Homer Nida, a taxicab driver, who died at a local hospital last week.

At midnight 1,000 persons descended upon the Tulsa county courthouse with the avowed intention of getting Owens. There however, the mob stopped. Twelve masked and heavily armed men separated themselves from the crowd and ran up the steps of the courthouse.

They were met at the main entrance by Sheriff Wooley, who was "covered" with sawed-off shotguns and pistols and disarmed. The men took the sheriff's keys, mounted to the jail in the top story and forced the jailer to turn over Owens.

Owens' arms were bound and he was escorted to waiting automobiles.

Through the residential district the cars passed and more machines joined. The leading car headed for West Tulsa, a suburb. Passing through West Tulsa, the leader stopped, Owens was harshly jerked to the ground and told that he was to be "strung up" near the scene of his alleged crime.

Owens protested his innocence, stating that he did not shoot Nida and blaming a woman for the crime. He was again taken into the car and the procession started on. After circling about the leading car stopped near Garden City, another suburb, where Owens was again taken from the car.

"You're going to die now," one of his captors is reported to have said. "Is there anything you want to say for yourself?"

Owens reiterated that he did not shoot Nida. He asked for a cigarette and his hands were loosened while he rolled the tobacco.

After being allowed a few inhalations he was again manacled, a small rope was twisted about his neck and he was told to say his last.

"I didn't do it," he said. Asked whether he cared to send any messages, Owens replied in the affirmative, and one of the mob wrote down a communication which Owens asked that a newspaper forward to his mother. It said:

"Mrs. C. O. Belton, 402 Burwell, Knoxville, Tenn.—Your son, Tom, lynched by mob as alleged murderer of Homer Nida. He asked that you arrange for burial."

Saturday night, August 21, Nida's cab was hired by two men and a woman and after a drive about Tulsa, Nida was told to drive toward Sapulpa, a nearby town. At a lonely point in the road he was clubbed over the head from behind. Jumping from the car he put up his hands and begged for mercy, but was shot, the bullet lodging in his abdomen.

The three in the car then drove hurriedly away. Nida was found by a motorist. It is said the men and woman later encountered a barb wire fence which stopped their flight to Texas.

### KILBY HEADS SYNDICATE.

Lynchburg Foundry Company Disposes  
of Plant For \$200,000.

Lynchburg, Va.—The Lynchburg Foundry company announced here that it has sold its Anniston (Ala.) cast iron pipe plant to a syndicate, headed by Gov. Kilby of Alabama, the purchase price being around \$200,000 cash. The new owners get possession this week. The local company built the Anniston plant about seven years ago.

Washington.—An appeal to the interstate commerce commission to relieve the coal shortage in North Carolina was made by a delegation from that state. Unless relief is provided the situation there this winter will be serious, according to members of the delegation.

Declares Outlook Brighter.  
Cleveland, O.—Some business men fail to realize that a slowing up of business is sometimes a healthful sign, according to the monthly review of the Fourth Federal Reserve Bank, issued here. "The future looks brighter now than ever," says the statement. "Industry has slowed up generally, though in spots capacity operations are still being maintained. Labor is more plentiful than at any time during the past five years and individual productivity is on the increase."

## TENNESSEE STATE NEWS

Events of Interest in  
Brief Form For the  
Busy Reader.

Tennessee, the population of which was announced in Washington by the census bureau as 2,337,459, had the smallest numerical increase in the last 10 years of any decade since 1870, while its rate of growth was the smallest in its history. Its numerical increase was 152,670 and its rate of growth seven per cent in 10 years.

The increase in the population of Shelby, Hamilton and Knox counties is 59 per cent of the entire increase in the state. The population of Shelby County is 232,216, showing an increase of 31,777; Hamilton County, with a population of 115,964, shows an increase of 18,769. The total increase for these three counties is 77,133, while the increase for the entire state is but 152,670.

While Shelby County leads the list in numerical increase, both Hamilton and Knox are ahead in percentage of increase, and all three counties show a percentage far above that of the entire state. The percentage of increase in Hamilton County in the decade just ended was slightly in excess of 29 per cent. In Knox County the percentage of increase was 16.8 per cent, and in Shelby County it was 16.6 per cent.

Of the six states of which the 1920 population has been announced, Tennessee shows next to the smallest rate of growth. New Hampshire has shown the smallest, 2.9 per cent. Oregon has shown the highest rate, 16.4 per cent; Rhode Island next with 11.4; Georgia, third, with 10.9, and Indiana fourth, with 8.5.

Nashville.—New officers of the State Golf association elected here are Martin J. Condon, Memphis, president; R. M. Watkins, Chattanooga, vice-president and E. C. Turner, Nashville, secretary and treasurer. The Colonial Golf and Country Club, Memphis, will be the scene of the 1921 state tournament.

Jackson.—The Association of Commerce and Mayor Johnson sent letters to the Interstate Commerce Commission, requesting that shipment of coal to seaboard ports, to be exported, be discontinued until the needs of people in the interior country can be supplied.

Knoxville.—Deep silence at noon, August 28, was this city's response to the request of blowing of whistles and ringing of bells in celebration of the suffrage ratification.

Chattanooga.—Plans of the Signal Mountain Coal Mining Co. call for the erection of a low carbonization plant, which when completed, will cost a million dollars.

Trenton.—Report has it that Hon. Hilleman Taylor will not be a candidate for the judgeship, made vacant by the death of Judge Jno. E. McCall of Memphis.

Nashville.—Representatives of many local labor unions in a joint meeting, declined to call a sympathetic strike to aid the fight of the 500 street car employees.

Chattanooga.—Capt. Sam Vinson, aged 65, retired member of the fire department, was found dead at his home at Jersey, a small town near here.

Columbia.—On Sept. 4th, voters of Columbia will express themselves at the polls on the issuance of \$60,000 worth of floating indebtedness bonds.

Paris.—A recent addition to the Sporting Organization of West Tennessee is the Hunter County Gun Club of which Hunt Moore is president.

Columbia.—A number of Columbia Kiwanians will attend the Kiwanis Convention in Louisville, Ky., Sept. 8.

Winchester.—The Public Schools  
Pulaski.—The Boys' and Girls Club won a great impetus by the three-day encampment which closed here last week.

Medon.—Prohibition agents raided a wild cat distillery near here, destroying 400 gallons beer and 32 gallons of whiskey.

Nashville.—With an enrollment of 550 the Ward-Belmont School will open its doors with the new session, Sept. 22nd.

Jackson.—West Tennessee Farmers' Institute convenes in Jackson on Sept. 7th for a three day session.

Will open the fall term Sept. 6th. Prof. Wardean will succeed Prof. Dotson as principal of the school.

Lexington.—Sheriff Wright, Deputy J. B. Smith and prohibition agents report having captured a white farmer at his home near Brown's Creek, together with an 80-gallon distilling outfit and 10 gallons of finished product. Melton and his outfit were brought here, given a hearing and made the required bond for appearance in Federal Court.

Lexington.—Henderson County High School opens its first session in the new \$75,000 building, the second Monday in September.

## CONDEMNED BY ALCORN CITIZENS

GUARD DECLARES TWO NEGROES  
HANGED WERE NOT ONES  
ASSAULTING HIM.

### GUILTY ARE STILL AT LARGE

Mass Meeting of Corinth, Miss., Citizens Condemns Mob Violence.—  
Coroner's Jury Investigating.—  
Many Summoned For Jury.

Corinth, Miss.—At a mass meeting held Sunday night at the First Baptist church here, in which the best citizens of the city and county attended, resolutions were passed condemning the mob which held a pistol on Jailer J. D. King, forced him to turn over Blatcher Higgins and Dan Callicut, negroes, and then hanged the black to a telegraph pole.

Hundreds of citizens, known not to have participated in the lynching, have been summoned and will be examined for service on the jury. The sessions probably will last several days, and it is expected arrests will be made.

James Whitehurst, the guard who was assaulted by one of the four negro prisoners who escaped from the jail, has declared that neither of the negroes who were hanged were implicated in the assault upon him. He says George York, the negro who struck him down and made the jail delivery possible, is still at large.

Citizens here are condemning the mob for hanging two innocent negroes.

### TWO BURNED TO DEATH.

Burned Beneath Overturned Car at  
California Fair Grounds.

Santa Rosa, Cal.—Two automobile racers were burned to death beneath their overturned car and a 7-year-old spectator was killed when a light car in the Sonoma county fair races blew out a rear tire, left the track and crashed into a tree. The dead are Arlo Beattie, pilot; Delbert Walker, mechanic, and Clarence Pregge.

Beattie was leading in the 50-mile free-for-all event when one of his tires exploded on the nineteenth lap. The car swerved off the track into a tree. The gasoline tank exploded in a burst of flames. Pregge, who had been standing at the foot of the tree, was nearly decapitated.

### STORM PLAYS HAVOC.

Standing Crops, Trees and Farm Buildings  
Demolished.

Kansas City, Mo.—A windstorm approaching proportions of a tornado, swept Bates county, Mo., leveling standing crops trees and farm buildings. In Hume, Mo., where the severity of the storm was greatest, a garage was demolished and nearby buildings damaged. Many trees in the city park, and along the streets of Hume were uprooted. Eight inches of rain fell at Hume. Pleasanton, Kas., reported heavy property damage. Almost every window glass in the town was shattered. Garnett, Kas., reported 3 1/2 inches of rain and severe hail, which did heavy property damage.

### Tugs Rush to Vessel's Aid.

Liverpool.—The American steamer Mopang reports that she is drifting at sea off the Irish coast with her engines disabled beyond repair. Tugs have been dispatched to the aid of the vessel.

### OFFICIALLY SIGNED.

Suffrage Amendment to Constitution  
Ratified and Signed.

Washington.—The proclamation announcing officially that the suffrage amendment to the constitution had been ratified was signed by Secretary Colby of the State Department.

The document was signed in the morning at Mr. Colby's home when the certificate from Gov. Roberts that the Tennessee legislature had ratified the amendment was received.

### HEAVY STORM DAMAGE.

Cloudburst Causes \$100,000 Loss at  
Carlisle, Ky.

Louisville, Ky.—Special telegrams from Carlisle, Ky., say damage estimated at more than \$100,000 was caused there by a cloudburst which inundated the valley in which the town lies. A number of dwellings were swept from their foundations. No loss of life was reported.

### Heavy Damage to Cotton.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Following the long period of wet weather, a statement issued here by President Lyday of the Texas Farmers' Union said his reports showed heavy damage to the cotton in South and Southeast Texas.

Dermott, Ark.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed three large drying kilns and three large cooling sheds belonging to the W. B. Bynum heading mill at this place. All were filled and contained nearly half a million pieces of sawed heading valued at \$75,000. Despite the rain which was falling during the fire, strenuous efforts were required to save the mill proper. The loss was fully covered by insurance. Mr. Bynum announces that the destroyed buildings will be replaced.

### HEARINGS TO BE ON SEPT. 21

Louisiana Railroad Commission Notifies Shipping Interests Through the New Orleans Joint Traffic Bureau.

New Orleans.—The Louisiana Railroad Commission notified the railroads and shipping interests through the New Orleans Joint Traffic Bureau that it will not approve an increase in freight rates and passenger fares at this time. Hearings on the subject will take place in Baton Rouge beginning Sept. 21.

Railroad officials did not hesitate to express their disappointment and dissatisfaction at the action of the commission in waiting until the last day before the interstate rate increases become effective to announce a postponement.

### NEARS VALLEY OF SHADOW

Queen Mary May Intercede to Save  
MacSweeney, the Irish Patriot.

London.—As Terence MacSweeney, lord mayor of Cork, lay near death from a hunger strike in Brixton prison, thousands of sympathizers anxiously awaited word from Balmoral Castle, where an appeal for his release was made to Queen Mary.

The Irish Office Home Secretary Short, Premier Lloyd George and finally King George had, in turn, been urged by MacSweeney's relatives to intervene in his behalf. Each had ruled that no exception may be made in the lord mayor's case to the recent order that hunger strikers must take their own chances.

### CONVICTED OF MURDER.

Gets Twenty Years For Killing Man  
in Alabama.

Troy, Ala.—Bud Lee, a farmer of Pike County, indicted for the murder of L. W. Haste, a traveling salesman of Nashville, Tenn., which occurred at the Lee home three months ago was sentenced to 20 years in the state penitentiary after a petit jury had returned a verdict of second degree murder against him.

Haste was killed while asleep at the Lee home, where he went with a fellow salesman named J. C. Gravelee of Montgomery, and after all three of the men had partaken of illicit whiskey, according to Gravelee's testimony, furnished by Lee. An appeal was taken, but in view of the nature of the verdict Lee will remain in jail until supreme court acts upon his case.

### GEORGE H. PEET DEAD.

Was Associated Press Representative  
at State Department.

Washington.—George H. Peet, newspaper man and lawyer, died suddenly at his home here, aged 55 years. He was born at Sheridan, N. Y., and was engaged in newspaper work most of his life, principally in New York and Washington. During the war Mr. Peet was one of the Associated Press representatives at the State Department and had many close friends in the diplomatic corps.

### AIRPLANE WRECKED BY FALL.

At 2,000 Feet Up the Plane Dropped  
in a Nose Dive.

Asheville, N. C.—In an airplane fall near Flat Rock, Arthur S. Truex, Henderson Telephone Co., and Lieut. Zibelhausen, pilot, were injured seriously and the machine was wrecked. At an altitude of 2,000 feet, witnesses said, the plane dropped in a nose dive but the pilot succeeded in righting it 600 feet from the ground. It then went into another nose dive and struck the earth.

### NEEDING BREADSTUFFS.

France Must Import Near Five Billion  
Pounds, Says Economist's Editor.

Paris.—Andre L'Es, editor of the financial journal Economiste, declares in an article that France will be obliged to import 20,000,000 quintals (4,905,404,000 pounds) of breadstuffs and that the United States has the largest disposable quantity for that purpose. He remarks that France will be able to profit by the fall in the Chicago wheat market.

### QUAKE SHAKES MALTA.

Buildings in Floriana and Surrounding  
District Damaged.

London.—The island of Malta suffered an earthquake shock of considerable force, said a Central News dispatch from Rome, quoting advices from Syracuse, Sicily. Numerous buildings in Floriana and the surrounding district were seriously damaged and the population was in a panic, the dispatch says.

### Dies At Age of 104.

Temple, Tex.—Richard Knight, 104 years old, died at the family home near here. He had a son who served in the Civil War.

### CONDITION IS SERIOUS.

Fall of Soviet Government Appears  
Imminent, Is Report.

Copenhagen.—Advices from Petrograd to the Berlingske Tidende state that conditions in that city are becoming critical and that the fall of the soviet government appears imminent. Information from the front, together with the desperate economic situation, is believed to be responsible for the discontent prevailing in the city.

## GIVE IT TO MOLE

Little Animal Hereby Qualifies as  
a Samson.

Venerable Fisherman Tells Story That  
Should Remove All Doubt Concerning the Strength of the  
Small Earth Disturber.

"Do you want to know the most powerful animal for its size in the world?"

The question was asked just after a venerable fisherman had landed a fine eastern brook trout, says Howard M. Wright in the Portland Oregonian. We were standing on the shore of one of the lakes well back in the Cascades.

I had only a few moments before unslung my pack at his cabin, and, taking a trail that led to the lake, had found him right in his glory. I, of course, was interested in getting all the data the old fellow had to offer and we sat down on a log and as he produced a Missouri meerschaum I handed out a box of tobacco. He proceeded to fill up with what he called his favorite brand next to H. O.

That gave me a clew and I knew at once the ancient angler could tell me some big ones. He fired up deliberately and crossed his legs in a leisurely manner.

"Well, sir," he started out, "I reckon, according to what one of them scientists told me that happened in here a while back that the mole has got 'em all stopped. I had been telling some stories about being towed around in a boat by a big fish off'n the Newfoundland banks and after I got through he waited a little while and then said:

"Well, captain, I have never had a lot of experience with big fish, but I certainly had my eyes opened one day. I had accidentally caught a live mole, and for no particular reason I brought it into the house and put it on the floor. It began to wander about the room and finally came up against the leg of a chair which happened to be up close to the wall. The mole smelled it over a little, backed up a little, sniffed some and put his nose in between that chair and the wall and pushed her aside as if she had been a puff ball.

"That certainly got my interest, so I said to myself, 'Looka here, Mr. Mole, we'll try you out and see what your limits are.' I hunted around until I found a Webster's dictionary and a big family Bible. I placed these on the chair and piled other books on top of them until that chair would hold no more and waited for him to try it out.

"Pretty soon he came, keeping close to the wall. This time he never stopped to sniff, but walked right through.

"That got me, but I scratched my head a little and when I saw Mr. Mole coming up for the third time I jumped on top of the pile of books. But it was no use; he kept right on going and slid the whole business of us right to one side.

"Well, I was somewhat amazed, but suddenly a thought came to me and I went out and called in my neighbor, a big fat man, weighing a few pounds under 300. He straddled aboard.

"On came the mole, this time his muscles fairly standing out to get into the fray. But he was no foolhardy young mole. He took time to size up the situation, sort of shrugged his shoulders and acted as if he was spitting on his hands. Finally he poked his nose in between the legs of that chair and the wall and raised those mighty shoulders. The chair creaked a little, moved slowly to one side and the mole passed—but the chair broke and the fat man came down with a thud on the mole's back. And, do you know, that mole hesitated only a moment and then started for the corner of the room, carrying the fat man on his back."

### Not All Flattery.

The wife of an Indianapolis traveling man is a poor correspondent. Her letters are short and sometimes do not arrive within a week of each other. Naturally before they reach him he is often rather worried over home affairs as to family health and such things. So on his last trip home he said: "No matter how far away I am from Indianapolis the first day I fall to receive a letter I shall come straight home."

Since then his daily letters have come regularly and are also newsy and long. At first he was much gratified, but now, since he has more time to reflect, he is beginning to wonder whether or not he should feel flattered.

### Had Their Tribulations.

Ten years ago George L. Verity and Jennie S. Turney, Chicago, first cousins, were pronounced man and wife by a minister in a Gretna Green marriage at St. Joseph, Mich. Both being Catholics they were married again by a priest when they returned to Chicago. Two years later they were separated, because the statutes of Illinois and Michigan forbid first cousins to marry. Now they have just been married again in Kentucky, where the marriage of first cousins is legal.

### Seeking a Rare Plant.

In 1908 a scientific man named Drummond discovered one solitary aronia plant in the woods of St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, and it is cherished today at the Arnold Arboretum. Now Harvard has written to New Orleans asking to have Louisiana searched again for the rare growth.